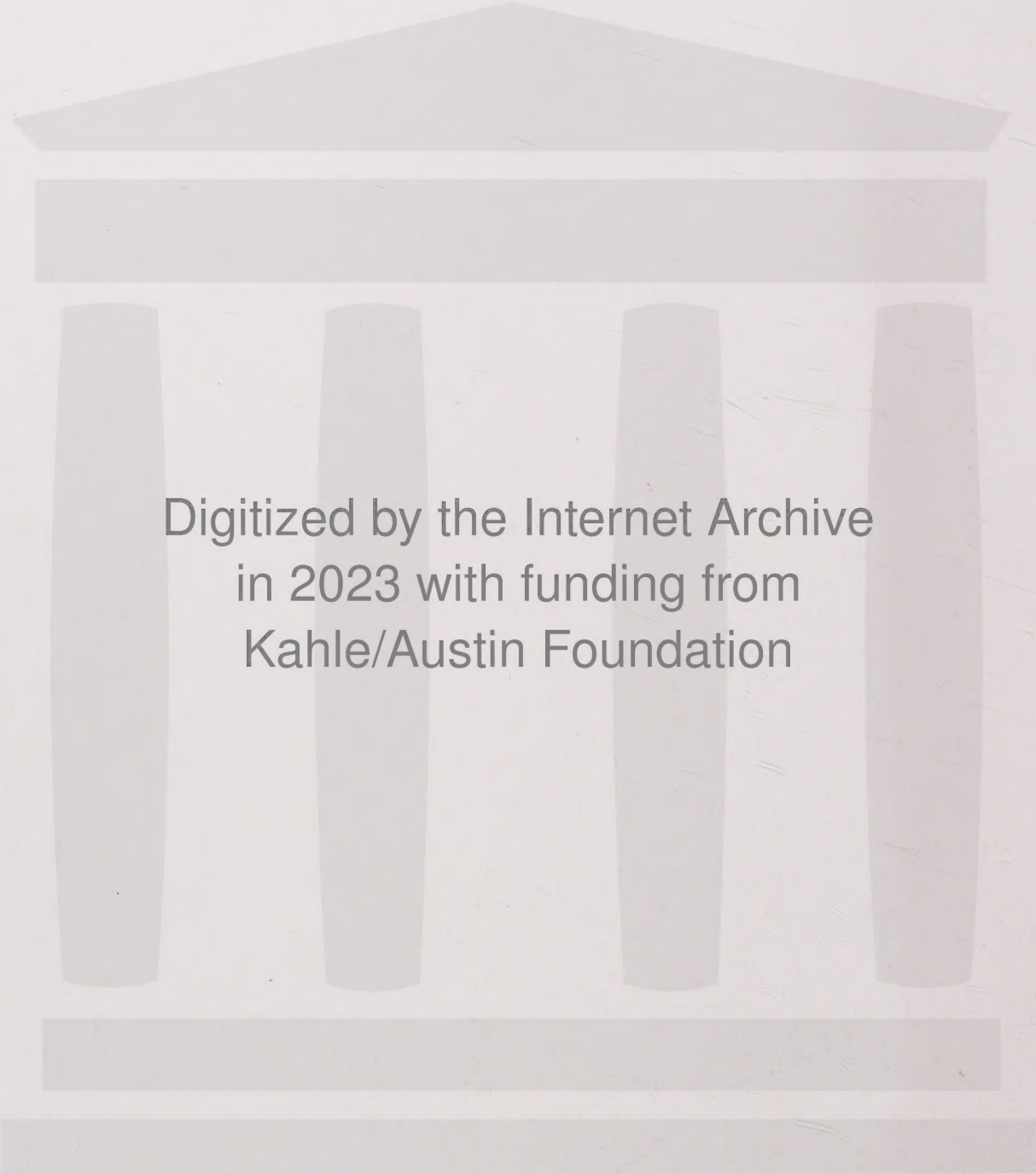




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Disney's *Aladdin*

Far away in the land of Agrabah lived the beautiful and clever Princess Jasmine. The law stated that the princess had to marry a prince by her next birthday, but Jasmine refused.

"Jasmine, it's the law!" the Sultan insisted. "It will be your birthday in just three days!"

"Oh, Father," Jasmine replied, "how can you force me to marry someone I don't love?"



That night, the princess disguised herself and climbed over the palace walls.

The next day in the marketplace, Jasmine met a young man named Aladdin. He rescued her from an angry fruit seller and led her to a rooftop.

“We’ll be safe here,” he said. But the palace guards found them, and Aladdin was taken prisoner on the orders of Jafar, the Sultan’s chief adviser.





Back at the palace, Jasmine found Jafar.

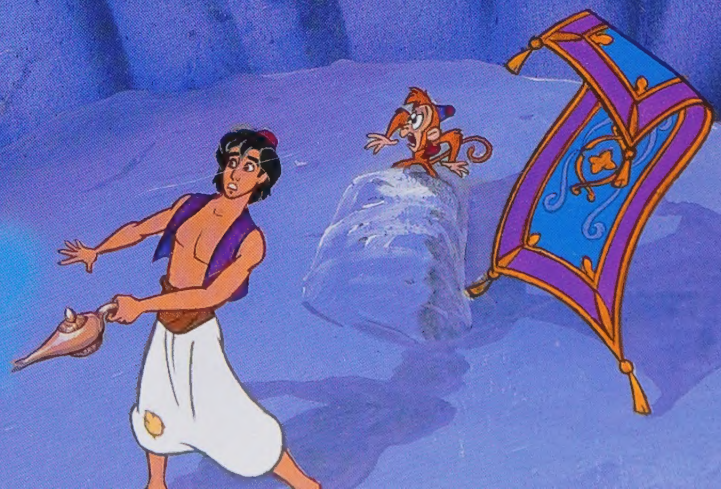
“I command you to release Aladdin!” she yelled.

“But, Princess, Aladdin has already been executed!” Jafar lied. He needed Aladdin for his own plans.

Jasmine gasped. “When I marry and become queen, you’ll pay for this, Jafar!” she cried, running from the room.

Jafar persuaded Aladdin and his monkey, Abu, to follow him out of the jail to a cave in the desert. Jafar wanted Aladdin to go in and get him a special lamp. But the cave mouth closed, and Aladdin was trapped inside with the lamp and a magic carpet.

When he rubbed the lamp, a genie came out to grant him three wishes. Thinking of Jasmine, Aladdin wished to be a prince.



The next day, the palace gates were thrown open to let in Prince Ali of Ababwa. But Prince Ali was actually Aladdin!

“Your Majesty, I have journeyed from afar to seek your daughter’s hand in marriage,” he said, bowing to the Sultan.

Jafar objected, wanting to marry Jasmine himself to gain power.

Jasmine overheard their argument and was furious. “How dare you!” she yelled. “Standing around, deciding my future? I am not a prize to be won!”



Aladdin went to Jasmine's balcony later that night, hoping to change her mind.

"Please, Princess, give me a chance!" Aladdin called.

"You're very beautiful."

"I'm rich, too, you know,"

Jasmine said, annoyed.

"A fine prize for any prince to marry—a prince like you and every other swaggering peacock I've met."
Jasmine shoved him backward.

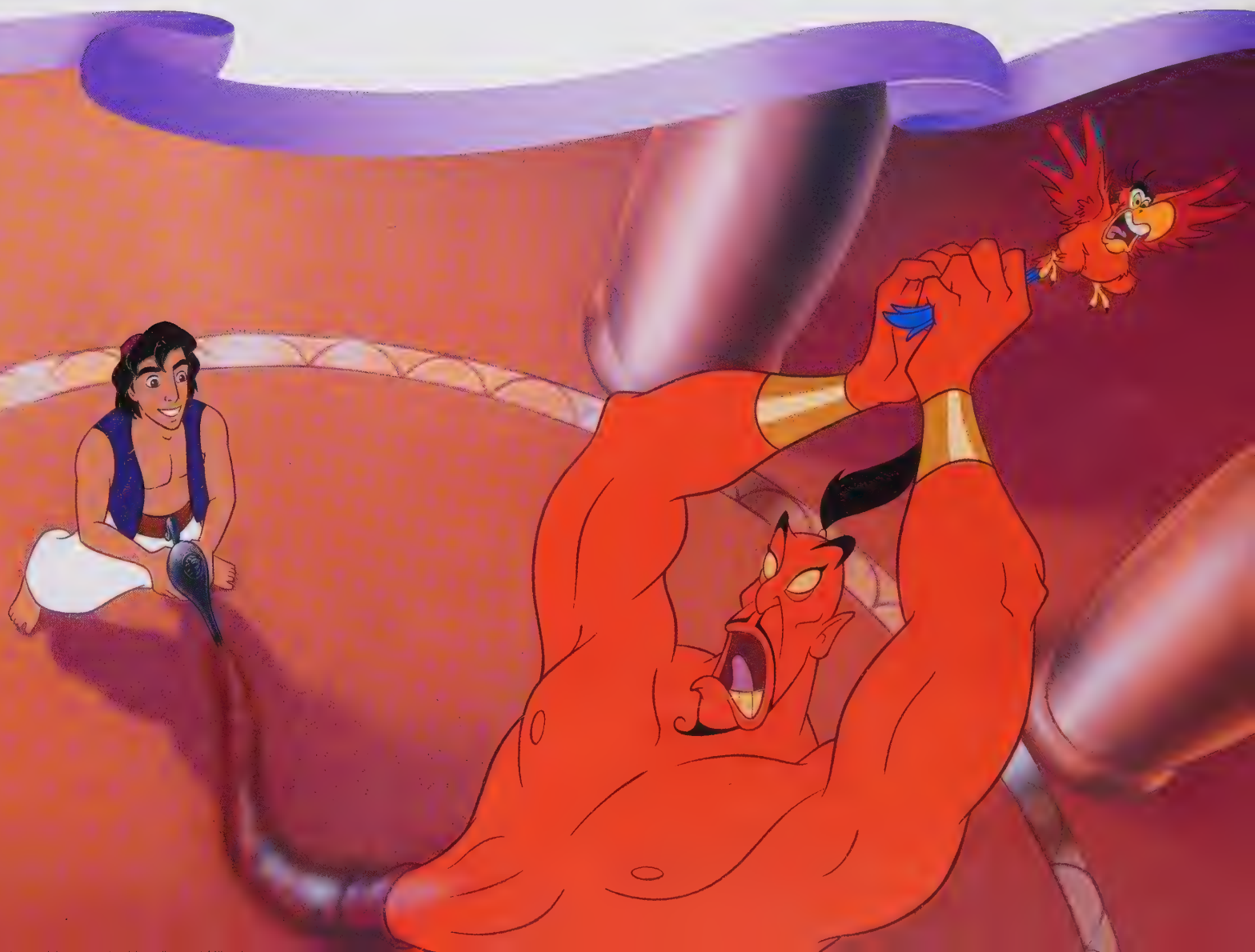




“You’re right. You aren’t just some prize to be won. You should be free to make your own choice. I’ll go now,” Aladdin said, stepping off the balcony.

Jasmine gasped, but Aladdin rose up on the Magic Carpet. He invited her for a ride, and Jasmine agreed. Soon she realized that he was the same young man she had met in the marketplace.

Jafar was furious that Jasmine wanted to marry Aladdin, and he stole the magic lamp. Commanding the Genie, Jafar made himself sultan and Jasmine and her father his servants. Then Aladdin tricked Jafar into using his last wish to become a genie, trapping him and his parrot inside the lamp.



The Sultan was happy to have his throne back and decided that the law about princesses only marrying princes was wrong.

"I'm changing the law. The princess shall marry whomever she wants to!" the Sultan proclaimed.

"I choose Aladdin," Jasmine said happily.

And with that, the Genie gave his pals a big hug.



Walt Disney's Sleeping Beauty

Long ago, in a faraway land, King Stefan and his queen wished for a child. At last, a daughter was born. They named her Aurora and held a great feast in her honor. The guests included King Hubert and his son, Phillip. The kings agreed that someday Phillip and Aurora would be married.

Also among the guests were three good fairies, Flora, Fauna, and Merryweather. Flora and Fauna blessed the young princess with the gifts of beauty and song.



But before Merryweather could bless Aurora with a gift, the castle doors flew open and the evil fairy Maleficent entered.

Maleficent was angry that she hadn't been invited to the feast, so she cursed the baby.

"Before the sun sets on her sixteenth birthday, she shall prick her finger . . . and die!" Maleficent proclaimed before disappearing.

Unable to reverse the curse completely, Merryweather used her gift to change it. If Aurora pricked her finger, she would fall into a deep sleep which only True Love's Kiss could break.





To protect Aurora, the king and queen sent her to live deep in the forest with the three good fairies. The fairies disguised themselves as peasant women and raised Aurora under the name of Briar Rose. As the years passed, Briar Rose grew into a beautiful young woman.

On her sixteenth birthday, the fairies sent Briar Rose out to pick berries.

In a clearing in the woods, Briar Rose danced and sang with her friends, the birds and animals of the forest. She told them of her beautiful dream about meeting a tall, handsome stranger and falling in love.

As she sang, a young man riding through the forest heard her voice and followed it to find her.

Suddenly, the young man stepped out from his hiding spot and took Briar Rose by the hand.



“I didn’t mean to frighten you,” he said with a smile, “but I feel as though we’ve met before.”

Briar Rose felt very happy. She and her admirer gazed into each other’s eyes and danced around the clearing, singing together. She did not know that he was Prince Phillip, and he did not realize that she was Princess Aurora.



Briar Rose rushed home to tell the fairies she had fallen in love.

“Impossible!” they cried. They finally told her the truth—she was a royal princess and already betrothed to a prince. It was time for her to return home.

Maleficent’s pet raven watched as the fairies led Aurora away. Then it flew to tell Maleficent the princess was in the castle. Using her evil powers, Maleficent lured Aurora to a high tower where she pricked her finger on a spinning wheel and fell instantly asleep.





The three good fairies cast a dreamlike spell over everyone in the castle. Meanwhile, Maleficent had followed Phillip to the fairies' cottage, where he thought he was meeting the lovely girl from the forest. The evil fairy and her soldiers captured the prince and chained him deep in her dungeon. But the good fairies rescued him and armed him with a sword and shield. Prince Phillip raced away to awaken Princess Aurora.

Maleficent tried to stop Prince Phillip with her magic. She caused a forest of thorns to grow around the castle, but Phillip used his sword to cut through them.

In a rage, the evil fairy changed into a monstrous dragon, but Phillip threw his magic sword straight into the heart of the dragon.

The prince climbed up the tower to where Aurora was sleeping. He gently kissed her. The spell was broken as Aurora awoke, and then the plans for a royal wedding began.

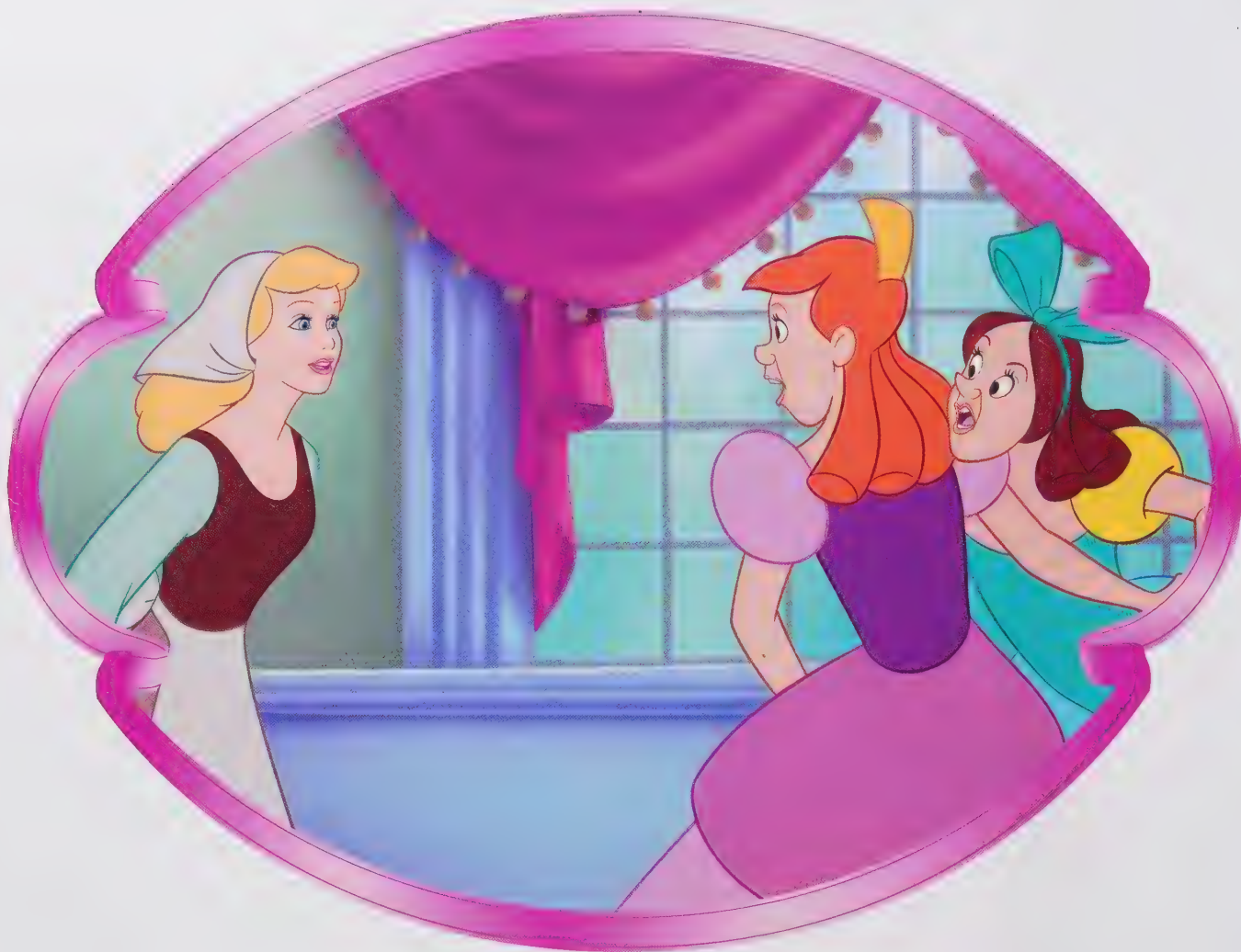


WALT DISNEY'S *Cinderella*

Cinderella was a beautiful girl who lived with her mean stepmother and two stepsisters. They made her do all the chores around the house. But Cinderella remained cheerful and kind.

One day, an invitation arrived at their home. "There's to be a ball in honor of His Highness, the Prince, and by royal command, every eligible maiden is to attend," Cinderella's stepmother told her daughters.





“Why, that means I can go, too!” Cinderella exclaimed.

Her stepmother agreed. “I don’t see why you can’t go . . . if you get all your work done, and if you can find something suitable to wear.”

Cinderella raced off to finish her chores, but somehow her stepsisters and stepmother found more than ever for her to do. While she worked, her animal friends decorated an old dress for her with some beads and a sash her stepsisters had thrown away.

When Cinderella finally finished her chores, she put on the gown her friends had made and hurried downstairs to join her stepfamily. But when her stepsisters recognized their old sash and beads, they tore Cinderella's gown to shreds! Then they left for the ball without her.

Sadly, Cinderella went out to the garden.



As she cried on the bench, bright, sparkling lights began floating around her and a smiling woman appeared. It was Cinderella's Fairy Godmother.

"Dry those tears," she told Cinderella. "You can't go to the ball looking like that."

"But I'm not going," said Cinderella.

"Of course you are," the Fairy Godmother replied. And with a wave of her magic wand, she turned the nearby pumpkin and animals into a magnificent coach with horses and coachmen.

Finally, she changed Cinderella's rags into a beautiful ballgown and gave her a pair of sparkling shoes.

"Oh, it's a beautiful dress! And look—glass slippers! Why, it's like a dream!" Cinderella cried as she admired her new clothes.

"On the stroke of midnight, the spell will be broken," the Fairy Godmother warned.

Cinderella thanked her Fairy Godmother and climbed into the coach.

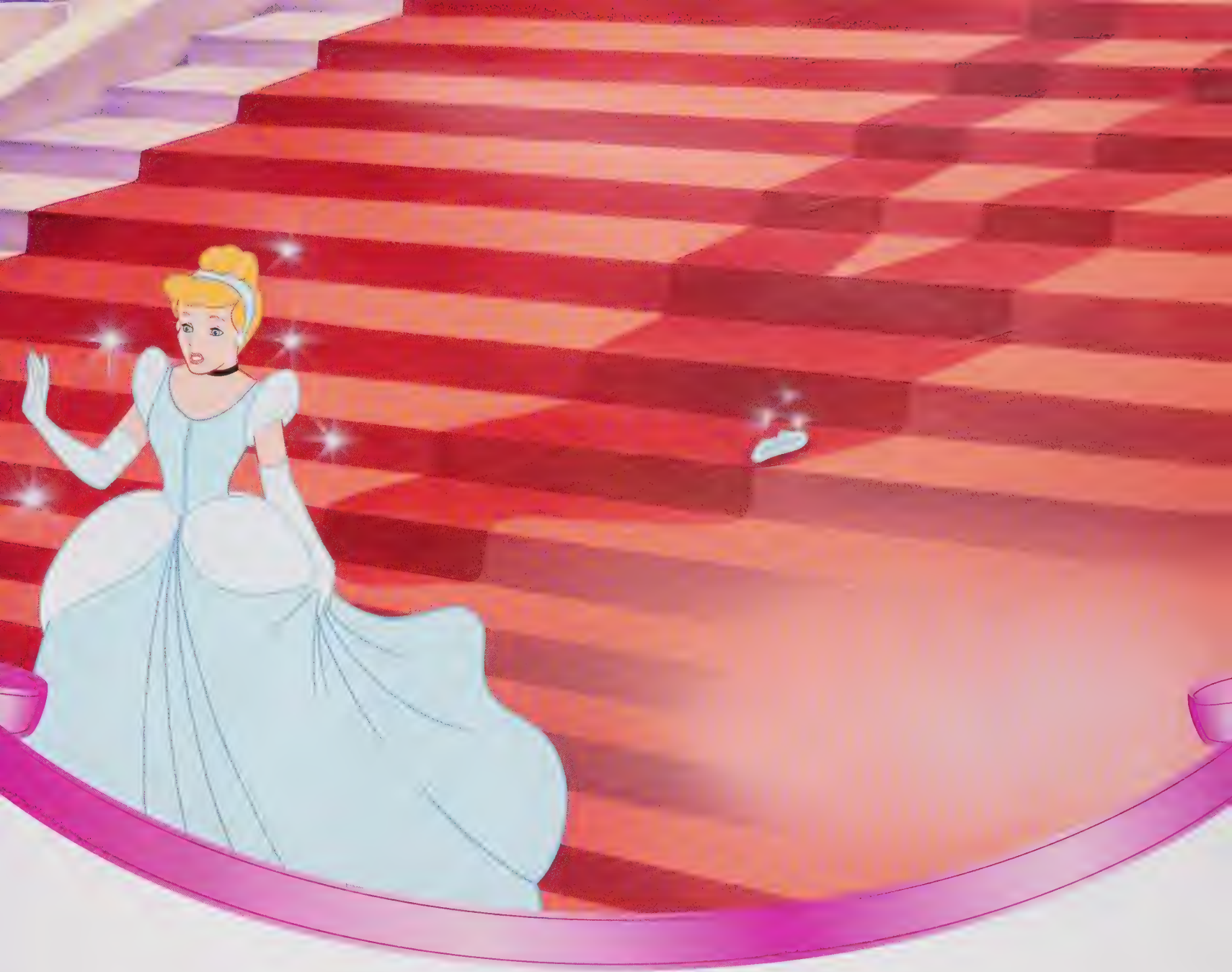




The ball was just beginning when she arrived. All the maidens were in line to meet the Prince. When he noticed Cinderella, the Prince walked past everyone else and led her into the ballroom.

“There is something familiar about her,” Cinderella’s stepmother said as she watched them dancing.





When the clock struck midnight, Cinderella tried to leave the ball, but the Prince did not want her to go.

“No, no, wait. You can’t go now. I don’t even know your name!” he said as he followed her to the stairs.

“Oh, I must! I must go!” Cinderella cried in a panic. As she fled, she lost one of her glass slippers on the staircase. But there was no time to go back, and she raced away as fast as she could.

The Prince took the glass slipper from the stairs. The next day, he ordered the Grand Duke to find the maiden whose foot fit the glass slipper. When the Duke arrived at Cinderella's house, he found the shoe did not fit either of her stepsisters. But it fit Cinderella perfectly. And so, Cinderella married the Prince and the two of them lived happily ever after.





Under the sea was a kingdom of merpeople ruled by the noble King Triton. King Triton forbade the merpeople to go above the water. But his youngest daughter, Ariel, was fascinated by humans.

One day, Ariel saw a ship overhead and went up to investigate. Onboard was a handsome young man—Prince Eric. Ariel gazed at him dreamily.

All of a sudden, a storm broke. Giant waves tossed the ship and Prince Eric was thrown into the ocean!





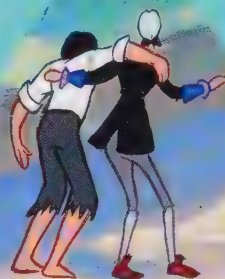
Ariel quickly swam over and pulled the prince toward the surface.

Once they were ashore, the storm passed. Ariel sang quietly to the unconscious prince. Soon, she heard the prince's servant and dog approaching. Just as Eric started to wake up, she slipped back into the sea.

"A girl rescued me," said the prince groggily as his servant helped him up. "And she had the most beautiful voice."

As Ariel watched Eric walk away, she whispered to herself, "Someday, I'll be part of your world."

When Ariel returned home, King Triton was waiting for her. He scolded her for going to the surface, but when he found out she was in love with a human he was even more furious. With a few strokes of his trident, he destroyed all of the human treasures Ariel had carefully collected. Then he swam off as Ariel cried.





Upset, Ariel sought help from Ursula, the sea witch. In exchange for Ariel's voice, Ursula would transform Ariel's tail into legs so she could visit Prince Eric on land.

"But," Ursula added, "before the sun sets on the third day, you've got to get the prince to fall in love with you. That is, he's got to kiss you." If not, Ariel would change back into a mermaid and be Ursula's slave forever.

Ariel agreed, and Ursula captured the mermaid's voice in a magical seashell locket before turning her tail into legs.

A little while later, Prince Eric found Ariel on the beach. Although she looked like the girl who had rescued him, Eric didn't think it could be her since she had no voice. Concerned for her well-being, he brought her back to his castle. As he spent time with her, he liked her more and more.

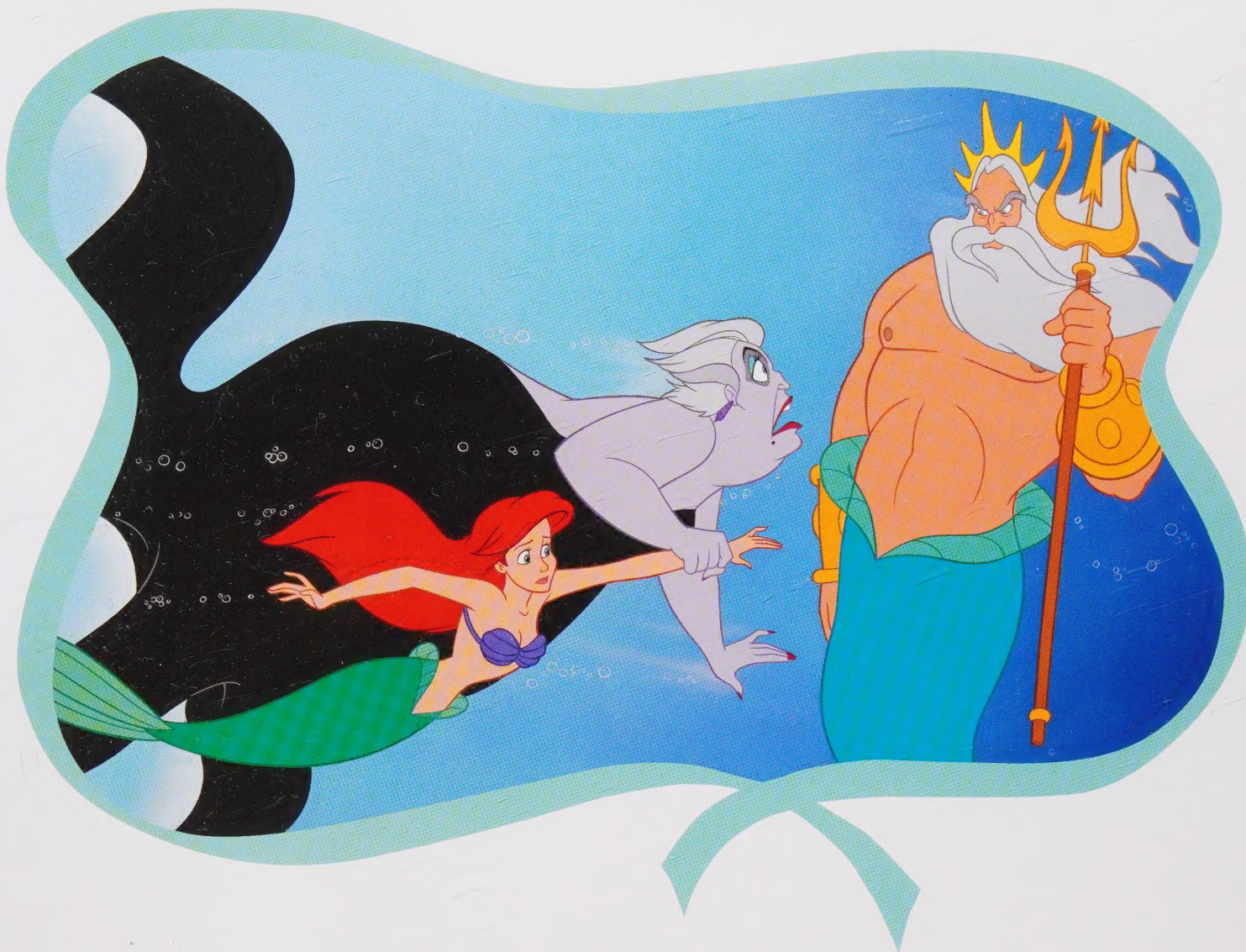
Ursula was not pleased with what she saw, so she turned herself into a pretty girl named Vanessa. Using the seashell locket to sing with Ariel's voice, she cast a spell over Prince Eric, who decided to marry her.



Ariel was very sad, but then she discovered that Vanessa was Ursula in disguise. Ariel hurried to the ship where the wedding was being held. Scuttle, Ariel's seagull friend, and other animals from the sea did their best to interrupt the wedding. In all the commotion, the magic locket fell to the ground and shattered. Ariel's voice returned to her.

"You're the one! It was you all the time!" the prince exclaimed.





“You’re too late!” Ursula shouted as the sun set. Turning herself and Ariel back into their true forms, Ursula grabbed the mermaid and dove overboard. Back in the sea, King Triton agreed to take Ariel’s place as Ursula’s slave. Placing Triton’s crown on her head, Ursula grew huge, towering over the ocean.

Prince Eric was determined to rescue Ariel and steered his ship right toward Ursula. The bow of the ship pierced her heart, and the sea witch sank beneath the waves forever.

King Triton's power was restored. He realized how much Eric and Ariel loved each other. He would be sad to see his daughter go, but he used his trident to change Ariel's tail back into legs.

Ariel and her prince had their wedding on a ship so all the merpeople could be there as well.





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